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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
English Language Proficiency Assessment Coordinators  
Title III Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D.  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives

As you may already be aware, districts that receive Title III funding from the federal government are reviewed each year to ensure the district has met the following three Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) for their English language learners (ELL):

- AMAO I – Progress. The district must demonstrate that 75% of its full academic year ELL students have made progress on the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA).
- AMAO II – Proficiency. The district must demonstrate that 10% of its full academic year ELL students have achieved proficiency based on the student scores on ELPA.
- AMAO III – Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for English language learner subgroup. The district must demonstrate that it achieved AYP for the ELL sub-group on the statewide assessment program.

In the past, the **Office of Field Services, Special Populations Unit** has reported the AMAO status to districts, answered questions regarding the status, reviewed appeals and provided support to districts not meeting one or more of the AMAOs. This process will change with the preliminary AMAO status notification in early September 2010.

The **Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA)** will now provide districts with their AMAO status, answer questions regarding the AMAO status, and review appeals. All other support and questions in regards to AMAO will continue to be provided by the **Office of Field Services, Special Populations Unit**.

The AMAO status letter will be sent via email to the district superintendent and the Title III coordinator from the OEAA early in September. If your district has 30 or

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less ELL students, you will not receive an AMAO status and this will not affect your Title III funds. Additional information regarding AMAOs can be found at [www.michigan.gov/amao](http://www.michigan.gov/amao).

Districts will have an opportunity to appeal their AMAO status if they believe the calculations used by OEAA are incorrect. However, assessment data, graduation rates, and/or attendance data cannot be appealed at this time. All demographic corrections such as a student's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) status must be corrected in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) by your designated person. Additional information will be sent with your AMAO results.

You can reach the Office of Field Services at 517-373-6066 and the OEAA at 877-560-8378 and press option 7 or email [oeaa@michigan.gov](mailto:oeaa@michigan.gov).